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In re the Application of:

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For: IMPROVED METHOD FOR AVOIDING THE DEGRADATION OF AN

ACTIVE PRINCIPLE

AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as set forth hereinbelow and in the attached appendix:

22. (Amended) A composition for stabilization of an active agent, comprising:

a plurality of multilamellar vesicles in the form of a regular stack of concentric bi-layers comprising at least one surfactant, said regular stack of concentric bi-layers extending from each vesicle core to periphery, and being

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